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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TATSUNORI KANAI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MIZRAHI, D.
SERIAL NO: 10/750,889 :
FILED: JANUARY 5, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2165
FOR: DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM :
USING A PLURALITY OF DATA
OPERATION MODULES

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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During the interview of September 8, 2008, Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed the outstanding issues in this case via telephone. Attention was focused primarily on Claim 1. The Examiner reiterated her concern that Claim 1 did not distinguish patentability, stating the view that the prior art is replete with teachings of selecting different functionalities in response to an application program, in a way similar to that stated in Claim 1. Examiner Mizrahi suggested further amendment of the independent claims to define in more detail the functionalities and interactions of the data operation modules with clarification of why and how the data operation modules are combined.

During the discussions, Examiner Mizrahi referred to pages 10-19 of the specification where the functionalities of each of the five data operation modules are described. She suggested amending the independent claims to define the modules in terms of a file system

module, an XML module, a key-value module, a directory module and a property module,
and further to define the functionality and interaction between the modules.

No agreement was reached during the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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